



## CITY OF WALLA WALLA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneteenth being the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, news of the Emancipation Proclamation, that was delayed some two and one-half years, on June 19, 1865, in Galveston Texas the enslaved African Americans were informed of their liberation; and

WHEREAS, not all enslaved people on American soil were liberated until the enactment of the Thirteenth Amendment; and

WHEREAS, June 19<sup>th</sup> has become known as Juneteenth and is celebrated by many African-Americans as their independence day, commemorating the last freed American slaves; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge African American freedom, contributions and achievements within our community, past and present; and

WHEREAS, we commit to working together toward equity for all in expanding economic, educational and career opportunities for all those in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2021, to be

### JUNETEENTH

in the City of Walla Walla. We encourage everyone to learn more about the history and current state of Black and African American by reading, watching, listening, and engaging with others.

Tom Scribner  
Mayor